

# ***Annual Town Meeting***

*Article 29 Declare Climate Emergency  
(Citizen Petition)*

# Supporters

Sunrise Lexington

Lexington Global Warming Action Coalition (LexGWAC)

Mothers Out Front

LPS Green Teams

Sustainable Lexington

# Current Situation

- Global warming has increased wildfires, floods, rising seas, droughts, etc. in the United States and around the world
- The industrialized countries bear a responsibility to rapidly work toward a solution to the existential threats
- Restoring a safe and stable climate requires mobilization effort across all countries and communities

# What the Town of Lexington has achieved so far

(2005) Adopted Sustainable Building Policy

(2007) building the Town's first LEED silver certified building, designed and built to specific environmental standards;

(2010) creating the Sustainable Lexington Committee;

(2010) adopting the state's optional 'Stretch' Energy Code to call for improved building energy efficiency;

(2010) becoming one of the first towns in Massachusetts to be designated a Green Community;

(2013) adopting a Climate Change Resolution to consider climate change in all appropriate decisions;

(2016) approving the Community Choice Aggregation program to move the Town's electricity to 100% renewable energy;

(2017) joining the U.S. Compact of Mayors;

# What the Town of Lexington has achieved so far (Cont'd)

- (2018) adopting the Lexington Sustainable Action plan to provide a structured approach to identify, prioritize, and implement Town sustainability initiatives;
- (2018) installing 4.5 acres of solar panels at the Hartwell Ave site;
- (2018) banning the usage of thin-film single-use plastic bags from all retail or grocery stores;
- (2019) approving the hiring of a Sustainability Director to coordinate and implement the Town's Sustainable Action Plan and advance sustainability objectives;
- (2019) constructing the Town's first net zero energy school, Lexington Children's Place;
- (2019) adopting an integrated building design & construction policy for all school and municipal building to maximize sustainability objectives and onsite energy production;
- (2019) banning the use of petroleum-based straws, stirrers, and expanded polystyrene single-use food ware from all food establishments and public buildings.

# There is a lot more to do

- Continue to undertake capital projects with green infrastructure and sustainable building design
- Acknowledge residents' call for rapid reduction in greenhouse emissions, and greater investment in renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure and cleaner transportation
- Act as a global leader by converting to an ecologically, socially and economically regenerative economy as expediently as possible

# Let's start with

- Declaration of a Climate Emergency
- Town-wide climate emergency mobilization effort to combat global warming to end town-wide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible
- Commitment to educating Lexington residents about the climate emergency
- Commitment to join a nation-wide call for regional collaborative effort at all levels of government to restore a safe climate



It is time for us to declare a Climate Emergency

Please Vote Yes on Article 29

